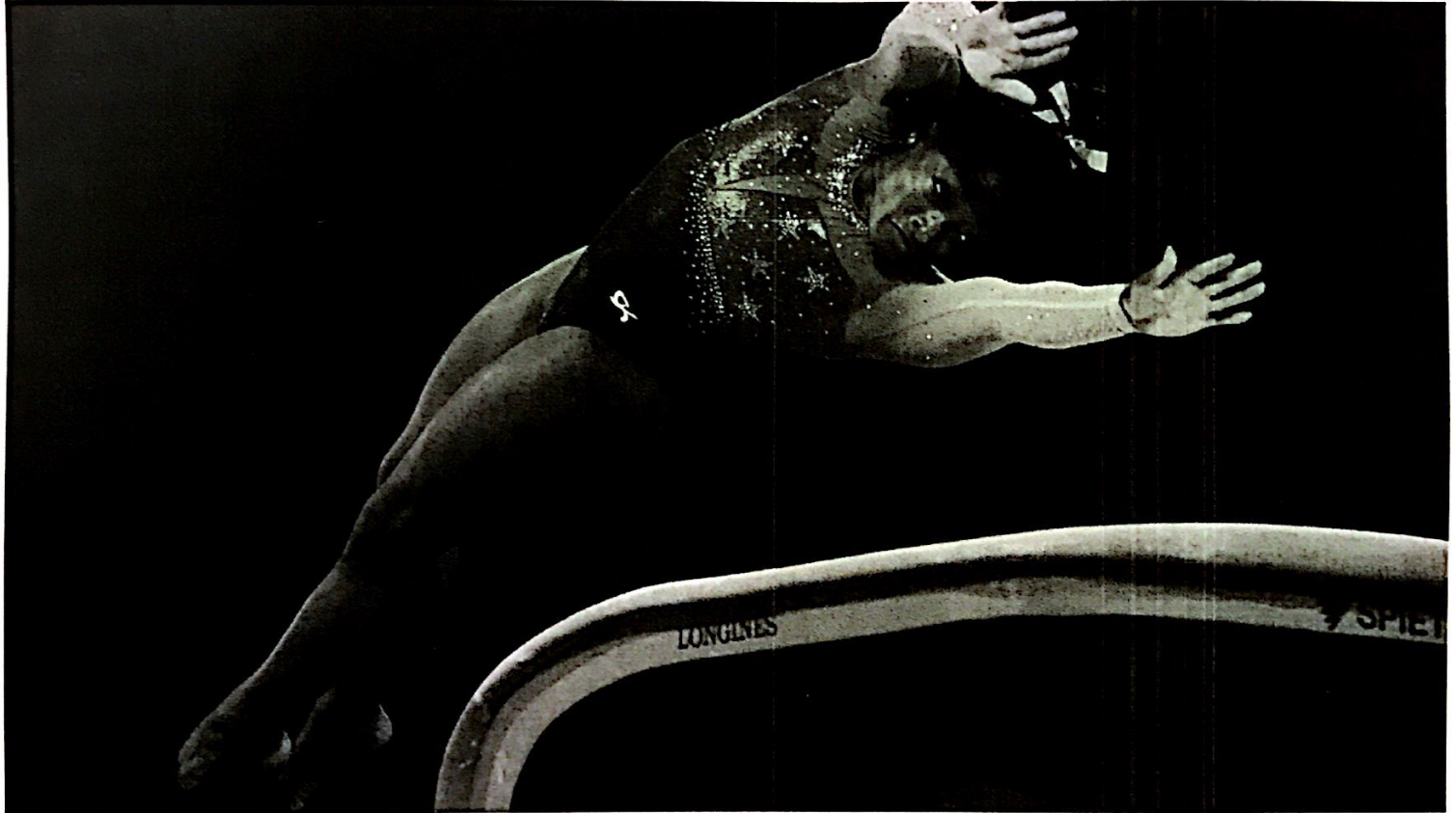


# U.S. women's team wins the gold at World Gymnastics Championships

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Simone Biles of the United States performs on the vault during the FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Championships on October 8, 2019, in Stuttgart, Germany. Photo by: Laurence Griffiths/Getty Images

The U.S. women's gymnasts made history.

The gymnasts took the gold at the 2019 World Gymnastics Championships. It took place on Tuesday, October 8, in Stuttgart, Germany.

Russia took silver. Italy took bronze.

World champion Simone Biles led the U.S. team. She now has 21 world championship medals. That is a world record for female gymnasts.

Biles called it "kind of crazy."

"I think that's really impressive for someone to be able to do that; I guess that's me," Biles said with a smile.

**Top Marks In Almost All The Events**

Sunisa Lee finished second to Biles. Lee qualified to move on to the all-around competition. She is 16 years old and the youngest on the squad.

Lee led the Americans on uneven bars. There were some stumbles though. She fell and wobbled twice on the beam.

Others teammates included Jade Carey of Phoenix, Arizona, and Kara Eaker of Grain Valley, Missouri. Grace McCallum of Isanti, Michigan, was also a part of the team. Carey is 19 years old. Eaker and McCallum are both 16 years old.

Biles made top marks on three of the four events. They were vault, beam and floor.

Biles made history on Day 2 of qualifications.

She had two new skills named for her. That is because she is the first to successfully land them at the international level. One is the Biles II on the floor. The other is the Biles dismount on beam. They are both types of twisting double somersaults.

It was something never done before.

### **Punished For Being Too Good**

The International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG) did not praise Biles' success though. It actually punished her.

FIG said it was too dangerous. It did not want to give others a reason to try something so difficult.

Biles chose a safer dismount next time.

Teammates McCallum and Lee had some tumbles. The Americans still had a lead though.

Biles and Lee next compete on Thursday, October 10.

The U.S. men also barely made the cut on Wednesday, October 9.

## Quiz

- 1 A main idea of the article is that Simone Biles made history.  
Which key detail from the article supports the article's main idea?
- (A) It took place on Tuesday, October 8, in Stuttgart, Germany.
  - (B) She now has 21 world championship medals.
  - (C) The International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG) did not praise Biles' success though.
  - (D) Biles and Lee next compete on Thursday, October 10.

- 2 Read the following paragraph from section "Top Marks In Almost All The Events."

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What is the main idea of this paragraph?

- (A) Biles has won many medals at the gymnastics championships.
  - (B) Biles chose to do a safer dismount for one of her events.
  - (C) Biles did two new moves that no one has ever done before.
  - (D) Biles thinks it is crazy that she has done so well.
- 3 Why did Simone Biles get punished at the competition?
- (A) because she stumbled on the uneven bars
  - (B) because she did not make the Day 2 qualifications
  - (C) because she was winning way too many medals
  - (D) because she did a move that seemed too dangerous

- 4 How did Sunisa Lee's performance on October 8 affect her?
- (A) She gets to go to the all-around competition.
  - (B) She beat Biles on three of the four events.
  - (C) She did not get to compete on October 9.
  - (D) She made the U.S. team lose their lead.